

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Basani et al.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, and the following remarks considered, prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.